पंजाब में लूटपाट/डकैतियों की 10 वारदातें हुई थी जिनमें 5.89 लाख रुपए की राशि लूटी थी और इन वारदातों में एक कर्मचारी मारा गया था । संघ राज्य क्षेत्र दिल्ली में इसी अवधि में लूटपाट/डकैतियों की 7 वारदातें हुई जिनमें 19.19 लाख रुपए की राशि लूटी गई थी और कोई भी कर्मचारी नहीं मारा गया ।

(ग) यद्यपि बैंकों की शाखाओं की सुरक्षा काफी हद तक सुरक्षा के सामान्य वातावरण पर निर्भर करती है, लेकिन बैंकों ने जोखिम वाली शाखाओं में सशस्त्र सुरक्षा गार्डों की नियुक्ति, उचित अलार्म प्रणाली की स्थापना, सजावटियों के लिए जालीदार केबिनों की व्यवस्था, शाखाओं में स्टील के कोलेप्सिबल दरवाजे लगाना आदि जैसे उपाय किए हैं। राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से उन क्षेत्रों में, जहां बैंकों की शाखाएं हैं, पुलिस की गश्त को बढ़ाने और बैंकों की शाखाओं को दिए गए सुरक्षा कवच को मजबूत बनाने का अनुरोध भी किया गया है।

**Loans to State Housing Finance Corporations**

*414. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to encourage various State Housing Boards and State Housing Finance Corporations to opt for international long term loans in view of the increased needs of housing finance in the country and low interest rate and abundant availability of funds in the international market;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to establish a separate Housing Finance Corporation in the public sector in view of increased needs for housing finance; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDAN POOJARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A proposal to set up a National Housing Bank is under consideration and a High Level Group (under the chairmanship of Deputy Governor, RBI), has been constituted to examine various aspects relating to it. The Group is expected to submit its report by the end of December, 1986.

**Exploitation of child labour engaged in carpet industry**

*415. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there is widespread exploitation of child labour engaged in carpet industry in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh as reported in the Times of India of the 28th October, 1986; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to check such exploitation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Reports are received by Government from time to time regarding the employment of children in the carpet industry in the Mirzapur area of Uttar Pradesh in violation of the Employment of Children Act, 1938 and other Acts.

(b) (i) As and when violations of legal provisions are detected appropriate action is taken by the State Government.

(ii) The Employment of Children Act, 1938 has been amended in 1985 to make the penalties for violation of its provisions more stringent.

(iii) The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Bill, 1986, already passed by the Rajya Sabha, proposes to impose even more stringent penalties.

**Grant of bonus to the employees of ITDC units**

*416. SHRI F. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum (in percentage) of bonus sanctioned to the employees of each unit of the ITDC this year;

(b) whether it is a fact that less bonus has been given to the Ashoka Hotel employees as compared to the employees of other units of ITDC;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;